

a.) Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 1 after line 4, before line 5 to read as follows.

This application is a continuation of PCT/JP00/01148 filed February 28, 2000, and also claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. is a non-provisional application of provisional application No. 60/244,594 filed November 1, 2000.